JFK DEATH PLOTTERS TRACKED TO CALIFORNIA

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"A Nazi substructure in this country which is virtually invisible, but very well organized, well financed was really back of killing the President," New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison declared this week.

"Minutemen are tremendously involved . . . As a matter of fact, you all out in California, whether you know it or not, have a great deal of Minutemen activity, or did up to 1963, and some of the individuals involved are from California, involved in the assassination of the president," he declared.

This charge was made Sep - tember 15th on KNEW's Joe Dolan talk-back program. Most of the program was devoted to the interview Garrison had in the current Playboy magazine in which he said that "former employees of the CIA" were responsible for the Kennedy assassination.

If you didn't tune in, read on; no major local paper gave it coverage.

Garrison's location of the conspirators in California was the first public disclosure he had made of this startling charge.

"Let me make this clear," he said. "I don't think that elements -- any serious elements in our government were involved in the assassination itself."

"When I say, for example, 'CIA employees' I'm not referring to career CIA agents; I'm referring to these men that they use here and there temporarily. But - so I don't think the government itself was doing that, but the government, a good part of the government, has participated in the cover-up.

"Now, the only way to describe the organization, the group of men - several organizations, actually - that participated in the killing of the President, was to describe, to use the word Nazi. For example, Minutemen are tremendously involved.

"I haven't been able to say that before because we had men almost continuously in Dallas until we found out how Tippit was killed, and when we found out how Tippit was killed we felt we'd finished with our work in Dallas.

"But it was a Minuteman proposition. The Minuteman, if they did not begin this way, had been infiltrated by Nazis, Nazi-oriented people."

Garrison then mentioned that California was where the conspirators were now staying.

"You have to understand," he continued, "that to these Minutemen, these particular Minutemen, the individuals of a Nazi persuasion - it's really not conservatism versus liberalism . . . any sort of detente with communism is a form of communism; and they regarded the President as having committed treason and they're saving the country."

Garrison then dropped another bomb-shell in Dolan's lap when he said for the first time that some Dallas policemen were involved in the assassination.

He charged: "The Dallas police force has a large percentage of Minutemen on it and they're involved in it too."

"I couldn't say that before," he added. "All I could do before was emphasize the fact that they used at the operating level a number of adventurers with regard to the Cuban operation. But now that our men are finished in Dallas I can say the Dallas police, most of whom are good Americans, nevertheless has a large percentage of Minutemen on them, and the Minutemen on the Dallas police, who were very much tied in with Jack Ruby, helped service the operation."

Garrison said that the assassination was planned on two levels -- one was an "operative" level composed of anti-Castro Cuban exiles who "never forgave" Kennedy for the Bay of Pigs failure and the thaw following the October, 1962 Missile Crisis and the other level

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was a "higher, control" level comprising "a number of people of ultra - right - wing persuasion... people who could be described as neo-Nazi, including a small clique that had defected from the Minutemen because it considered the group 'too liberal.' "

In response to Dolan's probing Garrison observed that "the individuals involved in the actual assassination were FORMER employees of the Central intelligence Agency, but it is completely necessary also that persons, who at the time of the assassination were PRESENTLY on the CIA payroll, also were involved."

"There's no question about that either," Garrison emphasized.